Tara Strogov was born on January 7th, 1985. She has attended Solomon Schechter Day School, a Jewish Day school since kindergarten, and will graduate this June. This past summer, she was a volunteer English teacher in a small town in China, Quingdoa. In college, Tara would like to major in Literature and continue her writing. Throughout high school, Tara has been active in the Literary Magazine, serving as Editor-In-Chief, newspaper, and the Foreign Film Club, which she founded. She has also been playing the piano since age 6. Some literary distinctions she has received include:

| Writing publications, awards and honors | Year |
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| 1st Place Winner in the Short Story Contest sponsored by Writer's Challenge Literary Association | 12th grade |
| 2nd Place Winner in the Poetry Contest sponsored by the Writer's Challenge Literary Association | 12th grade |
| Published two poems in the *Susquehanna University Apprentice Writer* | 12th grade |
| 1st Place Winner in the Yom Ha'Atzmaut Poetry Contest sponsored by The Jewish Education Association of Metrowest | 11th grade |
| Author of one of the "Top Ten Poems" chosen by the judges of a contest sponsored by Creative Communications, Inc. | 11th grade |
| Published three poems in *Tov Lichtov*, a Hebrew Literary Magazine | 9th & 11th grades |